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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 30 are in the application. Claims 1 – 26 have been allowed. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 27 – 30, as amended here, is respectfully requested.

Patentability of Claims 27 – 30

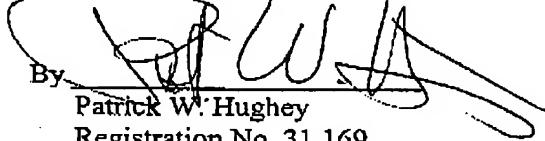
Independent claim 27 defines a method that includes, among other steps, the step of capping the printhead with a cap that is connected to a fixed volume. Also claimed there is the step of diffusing pressure variations between the cap and fixed volume. As pointed out in paragraph 7 of the Office Action, pressure variations in Nakahara are absorbed in a deformable section. Accordingly, claim 27 and the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that all of the currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance and an early notification to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

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